

A1 7 associated identifier that identifies the connection between said  
8 first and second devices.

1 19. (Amended) A network, comprising:

2 a first device;

3 a second device;

A2 4 a first interface coupled to the first device and the second  
5 device;

6 a second interface coupled to the first device and the second  
7 device; wherein the

8 first interface and the second interface emulate a single  
9 high speed interface by assigning to said plurality of interfaces

10 an associated identifier that identifies the connection between

11 said first and second devices.

1 24. (Amended) A network, comprising:

2 a first device,

3 a second device,

A3 4 a first interface coupled to the first device and the second  
5 device;

6 a second interface coupled to the first device and the second  
7 device; wherein the

8 first interface and the second interface are assigned an  
9 associated identifier that identifies a path between the first

10 device and the second device.

A4 11 32. (Amended) A network device, comprising:

12 a first port that connects to a first interface;

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3 a second port connects to a second interface;  
4 a trunking pseudo driver, coupled to the first port and the  
5 second port, that allows the first interface and second interface  
6 to emulate a single high speed device by assigning to said first  
7 and second interfaces an associated identifier that identifies the  
8 connection between said first and second ports.

Please add the following new claims:

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1 --38.A method for interconnecting a first device and a second  
2 device comprising the steps of:  
3 connecting the first device and the second device to a  
4 plurality of interfaces, said first and second devices being  
5 disposed within a single local area network; and  
6 emulating a single high speed interface with the plurality of  
7 interfaces.--

Sub 23  
--39.A local area network, comprising:  
a first device;  
3 a second device;  
4 a first interface coupled to the first device and the second  
5 device;  
6 a second interface coupled to the first device and the second  
7 device; wherein the  
8 first interface and the second interface emulate a single  
9 high speed interface.--

1 --40.A local area network, comprising:  
2 a first device,